DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Sacking Only Expansion in Mississippi Sound Area

In accordance with the emergency provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 49:953, under the authority of R.S. 56:433, and under the authority of a Declaration of Emergency, effective September 21, 2015, passed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on September 3, 2015 which authorized the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to take emergency action to adjust sacking-only areas if necessary, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby adjusts the "sacking-only" area in Mississippi Sound (St. Bernard Parish), which shall open at one-half hour before sunrise on Monday, October 19, 2015, as follows.

The "sacking-only" area in Mississippi Sound shall include that portion of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals' (LDHH) Harvest Area 1 falling east of a line of longitude at 89 degrees 29 minutes 0.00 seconds W, and the entirety of the LDHH Harvest Area 2.

The "sacking-only" area in Mississippi Sound was originally declared to encompass only LDHH Harvest Area 2, but is hereby being expanded as described above. An additional "sacking-only" area in the Bay Long and American Bay area as described in the Declaration of Emergency passed by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on September 3, 2015 shall remain unchanged.

Notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be provided by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action, unless such closure is ordered by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for public health concerns.

Robert J. Barham Secretary

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